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Restoring Your Driving Privileges

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**Information for Illinois
Drivers Whose Licenses
Have Been Suspended
or Revoked**

Driving Is a Privilege, Not a Right

The Secretary of State's office recognizes that the loss of driving privileges can cause great hardship. Under Illinois laws, drivers may ask for full or partial restoration of their driving privileges.

The Department of Administrative Hearings of the Secretary of State's office handles all applications for restoration of these privileges.

This brochure explains how to contact the department, as well as some of the terms used and procedures to follow. A list of locations where hearings on drivers license restoration requests are held is on the back.

The Secretary of State's office is responsible for ensuring that only responsible, qualified drivers have their driving privileges restored.

SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS

A **suspension** is the loss of driving privileges for a period of time generally not more than 12 months. While driving privileges are suspended, a driver may apply for a *restricted driving permit* (RDP). At the end of the suspension, driving privileges are restored in full after the driver pays a *reinstatement fee*.

A **revocation**, on the other hand, is the complete termination of driving privileges. While driving privileges are revoked, a driver may apply for an RDP, but the driver cannot apply for reinstatement until *eligible*. To receive a restricted driving permit or reinstatement, the driver must also file *proof of future financial responsibility* (usually special insurance).

RESTRICTED DRIVING PERMITS AND REINSTATEMENTS

RDPs allow drivers to operate a motor vehicle under certain restrictions. RDPs can be issued for employment, medical or educational purposes. With **full reinstatement**, all driving privileges are restored, and a new drivers license is issued. Drivers are not eligible for full reinstatement until their **eligibility date**, either the end of their suspension or a predetermined period of time from the date of their revocation.

CONSULTATIONS

In **all** alcohol-related cases—i.e., suspensions or revocations for driving under the influence (DUI)—the first step in applying for restoration of driving privileges is a **consultation** with an *informal hearing* officer. The hearing officer will review the applicant's driving record and explain what documents are required before an application for restoration of driving privileges can be considered. These requirements include:

- An alcohol evaluation performed within six months of the hearing date.
- Proof of completion of remedial education and/or treatment.
- Proof of abstinence and a support system, if the applicant's alcohol evaluation deems these necessary.

Consultations are usually held on a walk-in basis.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

Drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked for an offense *not involving alcohol* or for a *single* alcohol-related offense are encouraged to have an informal hearing on their petition for restoration of driving privileges. Informal hearings, like consultations, are usually held on a walk-in basis.

FORMAL HEARINGS

Formal hearings are required for all cases involving *multiple DUIs or fatalities*. Formal hearings must be requested *in writing*.

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INFORMAL HEARING OFFICER LOCATIONS

Please call the drivers license facility of your choice between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to confirm the availability of the hearing officer.

Primary Hearing Officer Locations (3 or more days per week)

Belleville	1317 - 17th St.	(618) 234-2315
Bloomington	504 Guido Ct.	(309) 662-8431
Centralia	418 S. Poplar	(618) 532-1551
Champaign	1605 N. Willis St.	(217) 333-5729
East St. Louis	8750 Church Ln.	(618) 397-9488
Elgin	595 S. State	(708) 697-2105
Joliet	101 S. Larkin	(815) 725-5262
LaSalle	536 Third St.	(815) 223-4861
Lombard	837 S. Westmore, B27	(708) 629-0380
Mattoon	2220 Charleston Ave.	(217) 234-4040
Moline	2040 First St., City Line Plaza	(309) 797-3805
Naperville	1027 W. 75th St.	(708) 369-9010
Peoria	4808 N. Sheridan Rd.	(309) 686-6040
Quincy	1030 N. Fifth St.	(217) 222-4550
Rockford	3816 Auburn St.	(815) 967-7383
* Springfield	Centennial Building, Second & Edwards Sts.	(217) 782-7065
* Chicago Heights	570 W. 209th St.	(708) 481-4311
* Chicago North	5401 N. Elston Ave.	(312) 794-5821
* Chicago South	9901 S. Martin L. King Dr.	(312) 995-2615
* Chicago West	5301 W. Lexington Ave.	(312) 854-4808
* Midlothian	14434 S. Pulaski	(708) 388-4468
* Schaumburg	1227 E. Golf Rd.	(708) 843-1453

Part-time Hearing Officer Locations (1-2 days per week)

Anna	101A Transcraft Dr.	(618) 833-8234
Bradley	1111 Blatt	(815) 933-1713
Carbondale	1927 W. Main St.	(618) 457-0488
Danville	405 Sheridan	(217) 442-1564
Decatur	3149 N. Woodford St.	(217) 875-1650
DeKalb	1315 Oakwood	(815) 756-7781
East Alton	20 Terminal Dr., Suite 103, Civic Memorial Airport	(618) 258-0600
Efvingham	444 S. Willow	(217) 347-7728
Freeport	1793 S. West Ave.	(815) 235-4164
Galesburg	1066 E. Losey	(309) 342-1154
* Hillside	101 N. Wolf Rd.	(708) 449-1617
Libertyville	342 Peterson Rd.	(708) 362-7171
Macomb	719 W. Jackson	(309) 833-5661
Marion	400 E. DeYoung St.	(618) 993-2587
Mt. Vernon	320 E. Main St.	(618) 244-1183
Princeton	25 E. Marion	(815) 875-2617
Sparta	251 Market St.	(618) 443-3834
Sterling	1224 W. Fourth	(815) 626-2825
Vandalia	Old Shopping Center	(618) 283-2262
Waukegan	617 S. Green Bay Rd.	(708) 662-7171
Woodstock	335 N. Irving	(815) 338-3109

* Facilities open Monday through Friday, except holidays.

* Facilities open from noon until 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The remainder of the facilities are open Tuesday through Saturday, except holidays.

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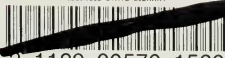
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 188 W. Randolph, Rm. 200
 Chicago, IL 60601
 (312) 793-3722

Department of Administrative Hearings
 Centennial Building, Room 212
 Springfield, IL 62756
 (217) 782-7065

Department of Administrative Hearings
 1st Bank & Trust Building
 123 S. 10th St., Suite 601
 Mount Vernon, IL 62864
 (618) 242-8986

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 350 N. Mannheim Rd.
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